

REMARKS

Claims 8, 19, 22, 25, 27 and 37 have been amended. Claims 1-7, 23-24, 26, 28-36, 38 and 50-96 have been canceled (claims 33-36 and 50-96 were previously canceled). Claims 97-132 have been newly added. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - §101

Claims 1, 28 and 37 stand rejected under 35 USC §101 because the Examiner alleges that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without admitting the propriety of the rejections:

- (1) Claim 28 and all claims which depend on it have been canceled. Thus, the issue regarding the §101 rejection to claim 28 is moot.
- (2) Claim 37 has been amended to include a limitation of “performing active display processing to generate the output image”.
- (3) In response to the Examiner’s allowance of claims 8-22, 25 and 27, claim 1 has been canceled. The limitations of claim 1 have been incorporated into claims 8, 19, 22, 25 and 27, respectively. Claims 8, 19, 22 and 27 each recites a limitation of “performing active display processing to generate the output image”.

Thus, claim 8, 19, 22, 25, 27 and 37 each provides a useful, concrete and tangible result, namely, generating an output image. Therefore, the 35 USC §101 rejections are believed to be overcome.

Allowable Claims

The Examiner indicates that claims 8-22, 25, 27, 38 and 42-49 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

As suggested by the Examiner, Applicants amended claims 8, 19, 22, 25 and 27 to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants also incorporated claim 38's limitations into claim 37. Thus, claims 8, 19, 22, 25, 27 and 37 and all claims which depend on them are in condition for allowance as suggested by the Examiner.

Patentability of the newly added claims in view of the cited reference

The Examiner rejected independent claims 1, 28 and 37 based on Cherry et al. (US 5,629,720).

The newly added independent claim 97 recites:

97. A method of generating an output image based on a plurality of images, the method comprising:
receiving, at a display processing system, **the plurality of images in a plurality of formats and from a plurality of sources, wherein the plurality of sources comprises a video data source and a graphics data source;** and
processing the plurality of images in said display processing system to generate the output image in response to a processing control input.
(Emphasis added).

In contrast, Cherry does not teach or suggest the above emphasized limitations. Cherry discloses a display mode processor which maps pixel inputs into addresses for entries in window-specific color look-up tables in accordance with a predetermined display mode. Cherry, however, does not teach or suggest the notion of generating an output image based on a plurality of images of a plurality of formats and from a plurality of sources (e.g., a video data source, a graphics data source, etc.) Cherry discloses frame buffer image, cursor and overlay image. However, Cherry does not indicate that these images are in different format and from different

sources (e.g., a video data source, a graphics data source, etc.) Thus, at least for the above reasons, claim 97 and all claims which depend on it are patentable over Cherry.


Independent claim 128 is an apparatus claim, but contains limitations similar to those discussed above for claim 97. For similar reasons, claim 128 and all claims which depend on it are also patentable over Cherry.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

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